



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

A. G. Kawamura, Secretary

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Dear Veterinary Colleague:

I have some important updates for you, so please take a moment or two to check these messages.

### **BRUCELLOSIS VACCINATION AGE CHANGE TO 4-12 MONTHS**

The age for vaccinating female dairy calves against brucellosis has been changed to allow vaccination of all calves up to 12 months of age. Regulation section 752 now reads:

**“(c) Calfhood Vaccination (official brucellosis calfhood vaccinate). All female dairy calves shall be vaccinated against brucellosis with an approved Brucella vaccine between the ages of four (4) through 12 months (120 through 365 days). Female beef calves, if vaccinated against brucellosis, shall be vaccinated between the ages of four (4) through 12 months (120 through 365 days). All calves vaccinated pursuant to this Section shall be identified in compliance with Sections 752.1 and 752.2. The use of all vaccines for brucellosis calfhood vaccination and eartags used for identification shall be reported to the Animal Health Branch within 14 days.”**

### **PRICE CHANGE FOR BRUCELLA ABORTUS RB-51 VACCINE**

The price for Brucella abortus RB-51 vaccine will change as of July 1, 2007. The price reflects the charges to the State of California for the vaccine, the vaccination eartags, tattoo ink, calf vaccination forms, other administrative and shipping charges. The new prices are:

5 dose vials	\$3.74
25 dose vials	\$16.66

Please note that Colorado Serum (Professional Biologics Company) adds a \$10.00 minimum order charge for orders less than \$75.00, and this will be added to your final invoice. Animal Health Branch district offices have vaccine available and can usually provide you with small orders.

### **ENCLOSED MATERIALS**

I am enclosing information on the role of private veterinarians in animal disease traceability and the National Animal Identification System, and a complimentary digital thermometer for your use.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact me, or your local Animal Health Branch office, to discuss any of these issues: Redding District Office (530) 225-2140, Tulare District Office (559) 685-3500, Modesto District Office (209) 491-9350, and Ontario District Office (909) 947-4462. Additional information can also be obtained from our Web site at <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,

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